as he had thus been delivered from those of the body. Nevertheless, she does not bid him come to her, if his parents oppose it. " I do not bid thee come. I should, indeed, have been very-glad if thou hadst come, and that thou shouldst come now, if thou canst without offence ; but, if it offends and distresses thy father and mother, no, as long as the offence is not necessary. Nay, I would have thee at this time avoid it, whenever thou canst. I am certain, if the Divine Goodness sees it to be best, that the offence will cease, so that thou canst come with peace. Come if thou canst." [1]

[1] Letter 365 (256). I quote from Barduccio's autograph m the possession of the Confraternity of Santa Lucia, the printed text being very corrupt in parts. But for what seems to be an explicit reference to the *Diakgp* at the end, I should have assigned this letter to a much earlier date than that generally accepted.